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SUBJECT: VESCO: CBS STRINGER AND INDEPENDENT REPORTER

REQUEST INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR

1. GEORGE NATANSON, CBS STRINGER RESIDENT IN MEXICO, AND

MS. KARIN DAVISON, ALSO RESIDENT MEXICO, WHO HAVE JUST FORMED NEW NEWS COMPANY, WORKING WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM "TELEVISA," MEXICAN TELEVISION, ARE PRESENTLY IN COSTA RICA PREPARING HOUR-LONG TELEVISION PROGRAM ON ROBERT VESCO. THEY HOPE ALSO TO BE ABLE TO SELL THE PROGRAM FOR WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION THROUGH MCA (LOS ANGELES). TEAM HAS INTERVIEWED PRESIDENT ODUBER AND FORMER PRESIDENT FIGUERES, AMONG OTHERS. THEY HAVE ASKED IF I WOULD AGREE TO BEING FILMED, ANSWERING FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. HOW HAS VESCO'S INFLUENCE IN COSTA RICA AFFECTED U.S.-COSTA RICAN RELATIONS?

B. IS THE UNITED STATES GOING TO MAKE ANOTHER SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO EXTRADITE VESCO?

C. EVEN IF VESCO BECOMES A CITIZEN OF ANOTHER COUNTRY, CAN HE BE EXTRADITED?

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D. WHAT SERIOUS EXTRADITION ATTEMPTS HAS THE UNITED STATES

THUS FAR MADE?

2. I TOLD NATANSON AND DAVISON THAT I WOULD BE PLEASED TO SPEAK WITH THEM ON BACKGROUND, BUT COULD NOT AGREE TO APPEAR ON FILM WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

3. I SEE NO PARTICULAR GAIN FOR THE EMBASSY OR THE USG FROM ME APPEARING IN THIS FILM. HOWEVER, I WONDER IF THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT NOT WISH FOR APPROPRIATE STATE DEPARTMENT OR JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TO APPEAR ANSWERING SOME QUESTIONS.

4. IN VIEW EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF THIS ISSUE, AND COMMERCIAL PUBLICITY NATURE OF THIS ENTERPRISE, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE. TODMAN

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